

ATTENTION!!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 24th, TOWN HALL,  
7:30 P.M.

ALL COMMITTEES SHOULD BE  
REPRESENTED!!!



## Town of Acton - 250th Anniversary Celebration

March 20, 1985

Meeting came to order at 7:45 P.M.

### Attendees:

David Westlake  
Frederick Hryniewicz  
Kathleen Foley  
Debbie Alesbury

Ed Richter  
Liz Kintigh  
Ellen Holway  
Jean Brzezinski

The Minutes of the February 27, 1985 meeting were read and accepted as amended. Ellen Holway thanked Tina Britton wholeheartedly for getting the minutes out on such a timely basis!

### Treasurer's Report

Debbie Alesbury reported that we have received \$1,500 from the sales of T-Shirts, raffles and deposit returns from monies upfronted to Committees. There is \$3,200 left from the \$5,000 granted us from last Town Meeting.

Ellen led us in a moment of silent prayer for Bill Hughes in recognition of the devastating fire at the Church of the Good Shephard.

### Old Business

Patti Lombardo of the Acton Newcomers said they are waiting with open arms for someone to contact them for transportation to the different events for our senior citizens!

Lisa Schmidt did a superb job of "Acton on the Map". The Acton Community Chorus did an excellent job on their performance March 10th. The Winter Concert was also a great success--receiving a standing ovation!!

Parade Committee - There will be a meeting March 28th at the Acton Corporation.

Ceremonies Meeting on April 1, 1985, 8:00 P.M. at Richmond Miller's home.

As of today there are 80 tickets left for the "Gala Ball" to be held on May 11, 1985 at the Sheraton Boxborough. They are for sale at the Community Education Office in the Junior High School.

Acton is a Freedoms Foundation Award Town

### New Business

Ed Richter of the Concord Community Band requested that they be guaranteed payment of \$750 for their performance. We asked him to stay and present this to the Executive Committee.

Jeff Berry of South Acton is going to receive help from Paul Murphy, and the Boy Scouts on Arbor Day in the planting of trees around town.

Bill Gladski investigated the cost of reproducing the 250th Flag. The cost will be approximately \$48 per flag which includes silk screening on both sides.

Posters - Ellen received quotes from several different places to produce new posters of a lesser grade. It was found that there was no great price difference between lesser grade and the grade we already had. A motion was made and passed that we go back to Concepts Unlimited and have the better grade poster made.

Ellen reported that the display case in the Town Hall Meeting Room was permanently locked because the key was lost. The Town is having it cracked open and will be available for display again.

Wanda Null, librarian, is making the display case which is located on the outside front lawn available for anyone who would like to display anything regarding the 250th celebration. She also said anyone who would like could use the display case in the library lobby. Just contact Wanda Null at the library.

Austin Sheatsley of the A.A.R.P. reported that they will be putting on a program called "Wheeler Dealers" and the 250th will receive 10% of their proceeds.

Ellen is going to contact Ray Shamel regarding the Isacc Davis commemorative stamp which was to be issued on April 19, 1985.

S.A.R.C. - Ann Simone reported that they will be receiving help from the firemen in the construction of the Bandstand.

Parade - John Dolan received a letter from the Acton Parish Council, Sunflower Cottage, High Street, Acton, Sudbury, Suffolk, England. The letter was in answer to our invitation for someone to represent Acton, England at the parade. Chris Moss, Chairman of the Parish Council and Fred Lane, former Parish Councillor will be representing them. Mr. Lane is a professional photographer and would like to put on a slide presentation of the history of

Acton, England. This acceptance and slide presentation was received very enthusiastically by our Committee.

It was recommended that John Dolan contact these men regarding their accommodations (The Hadley's have graciously opened their home to these gentlemen) and, to get an idea of the duration of the slide show.

Whitney Fund - Ellen received a letter from the New England Ballet who had contacted the Whitney Fund regarding putting on a performance. Their cost is \$1,800 but, when Ellen told them we could not afford this sum they came back and said they would do it for free. The Committee voted to accept this offer. Their performance will be held on May 18th. The exact time has not been established. A vote was made to charge \$5.00 per person with a reduced rate for seniors and students. Before we formally accept Ellen is going to contact Barbara Lauritzen of Theater III since they are producing the Music Man for the 250th on the same evening. to be sure this is not a direct conflict.

John Loring requested volunteers to help him form some Resolutions for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Town of Acton commemorating our 250th.

Anne Forbes requested the following help from anyone:

1. Pre-1900 woven American textiles, or textile making equipment.
2. An old Navy Pea jacket, or any other item known to be made from reprocessed wool.
3. A baby harness from circa 1915-20.
4. A 1915-20's bathing suit.
5. An old corset (the kind constructed from narrow cotton strips).

All of the above will be used in her display at the Jones Tavern.

Jackie Floyd of Purity Supreme contacted Ellen and offered their help via food, paper products, etc. Ellen is going to have a meeting with her in the very near future to discuss where we will need help.

Ellen reported that we now have official stationery. Anyone who needs it may contact her. The cost of producing 4000 sheets & envelopes was \$270.

Ellen is going to meet with Party Papers Plus who have come forward wanting to sell memorabilia of the 250th. A motion was made and passed that we prefer to sell her the goods outright and not on consignment and, that she sell them for the price that the 250th is selling the articles for.

Bobbie Langford has been assigned to be the liaison between the church youth and clergy for the 250th.

Kay Herbst is in charge of the performing artists for the events on June 15th.

Ellen is going to have a meeting with Larry McNulty, principal before the Spring vacation regarding how the youth will be involved in the 250th.

#### Committee Reports

Historical Society - The quilt is finished and will be presented to the Town on April 15th at 7:00 A.M. in front of Town Hall. A free standing frame is being constructed by Arthur Barry, head carpenter at the school.

Raffle - Liz Kintigh who is in charge of all ticket sales was very concerned that the tickets for the car raffle were not available. Ellen assured her they will be ready in 1½ weeks. There was a lack of communication with our order at the copy center.

Acton Junior Women's - The orals histories are now going into full production. Letters have been sent to many towns-people requesting them to do a history and to date no one has refused! It was suggested that we put one copy of each history in the time capsule.

Acton Community Chorus - It was reported by Dave Westlake that the chorus now has 50 members.

League of Women Voters - There will be a Ham & Bean Supper April 2, 1985 in the ABRHS Cafeteria from 5:30 - 6:45. This was an annual event 250 years ago.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina Britton  
Jean Brzezinski